

The Honorable Marsha J. Pechman

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

JULIE DALESSIO, an individual,  
  
Plaintiff,

v.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, a  
Washington Public Corporation; ELIZA  
SAUNDERS, Director of the Office of  
Public Records, in her personal and official  
capacity; ALISON SWENSON, Compliance  
Analyst, in her personal capacity; PERRY  
TAPPER, Public Records Compliance  
Officer, in his personal capacity; ANDREW  
PALMER, Compliance Analyst, in his  
personal capacity; JOHN or JANES DOES  
1-12, in his or her personal capacity,  
  
Defendants.

No. 2:17-cv-00642-MJP

DECLARATION OF PERRY TAPPER  
IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS'  
MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

I, Perry Tapper, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18, and am otherwise competent to testify as to all matters herein,  
and make the following statements based on my own personal knowledge.
2. I am employed as a Compliance Officer in the Office of Public Records and Open  
Public Meetings ("OPR"). Eliza Saunders, Director of the Office, is my supervisor. At  
times, I provide input and discuss with Ms. Saunders how the processes developed for  
processing public records requests are working, and evaluate potential improvements in

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light of logistics, resources, and the records management systems and infrastructure of the University of Washington organization as a whole.

3. In my role as Compliance Officer, I train and supervise OPR staff including Public Records Analysts. I supervised Analysts Alison Swenson and Andrew Palmer during the 2015-2017 timeframe.

4. In my role as a Compliance Officer, I am familiar with the processes used by the OPR to process and track public records requests, request and locate responsive documents throughout the University, evaluate documents for potential exemptions under the Public Records Act (RCW Ch. 42.56), and prepare exemption logs and responses. I participated in training Ms. Swenson and Mr. Palmer, which consisted primarily of “on the job” training.

5. The Office keeps a “glossary” of exemptions listed in the PRA as a resource guide to evaluating exemptions and determining whether records can be withheld or sufficiently redacted pursuant to an applicable redaction. While some exemptions are specific, many require individual assessment of the nature of information contained therein and whether a specific exemption applies.

6. I did not personally prepare or process the PR-2015-570 public records request from Mr. Betz in 2015. It is my understanding that Analyst Alison Swenson did in the course of her job duties as an analyst. I did not know of either Mr. Betz or Ms. Dalessio prior to this request.

7. I did not personally prepare or process the PR-2016-760 public records request from Ms. Dalessio in 2016. It is my understanding that Analyst Andrew Palmer did in the course of his job duties as an analyst.

8. Typically, each Analyst is responsible for processing and maintaining records related to their own case files, including making redactions, exemption logs, and producing records to requestors. I am available to answer questions and routinely speak with the

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1 Compliance Analysts regarding questions or issues that may come up. I believe I spoke  
2 with Ms. Swenson regarding one of Ms. Dalessio's public records requests (she has  
3 made several since 2016), but I do not recall specifically the subject matter or  
4 discussion.

5 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the  
6 foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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8 DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, at Seattle, Washington.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on October 25, 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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